

Lower Castaways Ad Hoc Committee

Committee Action Minutes – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

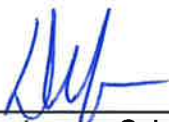
Meeting Date: March 3, 2014 4PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Dave Girling.
2. Roll Call- Committee.
Commissioners Avery, Girling, Rhyne, and Marston.
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
Member of the public, Jim Mosher, commented that perhaps rather than working around the condition of the existing bulkhead, the bulkhead should be removed, the ground graded for a slope suitable to hand launching vessels.
4. Current Business
 - a. Approve November 2013 Minutes.
Minutes Approved.
 - b. Overview of Designs.
Discussion took place on the refinements and complications to the project. A change to the concept is movement of the bus stop, and entry and exit point North on Dover Drive due to the challenges with sight distance and merging traffic respectively.
The docking/waterside component faces challenges due to the designation of the area as a Marine Protected Area by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (MPA). Sketches of possible dock concepts were created and overlain on the park renderings. Member of the public, Don Webb, commented that the bulkhead is likely not deep because it's from the 40's or 50's. He also mentioned that there will be continuous access along the beach between Lower Castaways and the beach made accessible through Polaris Drive. It was noted that bayward of the bulkhead there is not a sandy beach and any ramp should be more suitable for hand launching. David Volz commented that the bulkhead walkway should be a viewpoint over the water. The waterside portion appears to be a hurdle and discussion took place whether or not to include waterside and landside concepts on one application to the regulatory agencies.
The group liked that the concept retained the mature trees. Member of the public, Jack Tingley, noted that an arborist should look at all the trees. He also commented that the stairs will be a popular attraction.
Commissioner Marston added that connecting Lower and Upper Castaways is a good idea but there may be too much parking provided in Concept A. She added that there should be an emphasis on dedicated area for hand launching. She pointed out that the park concept should be refined into a specific idea when presenting to the public and City Council.
The boat launch, Concept B, will remain as an option as more public comment is received.
 - c. Next Steps.
The group discussed gathering more public opinion on the concepts through the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission, the Harbor Commission, the Tidelands Management Committee, and eventually at a City Council Study Session. Commissioner Girling mentioned that he will present the topic to the Harbor Commission at the March 12, 2014 Harbor Commission.
 - d. Commission Agendas, Public Outreach & City Council Study Session

5. Next Meeting.
TBD

6. Adjournment.

The agenda for March 3, 2014 meeting was posted on February 25, 2014 at 3:06PM on the City Hall Electronic Bulletin Board located inside the City Council Chambers and on the City's website on February 25, 2014 at 3:17PM.



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